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combination of claims 8, 11, 14 and 15. New claim 24 is a combination of claims 8 and 16.

Further, the remaining dependent claims have had any necessary dependency issues corrected to reflect new claims 21-24. As one example, claims 5-7 now depend from new claim 21.

Finally, claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 11, and 14-16 were cancelled. This leaves only claims 5-7, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 17-24 as pending claims.

Accordingly, it is believed that all of the pending claims are in allowable condition, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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